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## **SEN. CLARKE HONORED FOR HIS WORK COMBATING CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING**

LANSING- State Sen. Hansen Clarke (D-Detroit) was honored by the Sierra Club last evening for his legislative efforts to combat childhood lead poisoning in Michigan. Sen. Clarke is the sponsor of Senate Bill 757 that stiffens penalties for landlords who knowingly rent housing units with dangerous lead levels.

“I’m honored that the Sierra Club felt my efforts to combat childhood lead poisoning were worthy of their recognition,” said Sen. Clarke. “The encouragement and support of one of the nation’s leading environmental organizations will only strengthen my resolve to continue this fight against the No. 1 health crisis facing Michigan’s children.”

One of Detroit’s most active legislators, Sen. Clarke has been at the forefront of drawing public attention to the serious health risks that lead poisoning poses to Detroit children. “Sixty nine percent of all confirmed cases of elevated blood lead levels are in Detroit,” said Sen. Clarke. “We need to do more to protect Detroit’s children from this serious health hazard.

The Sierra Club honored Sen. Clarke Thursday, February 5th at its annual Environmental Justice Awards ceremony held at Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church in Southfield.

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State Senator Hansen Clarke represents the 1<sup>st</sup> Senate District in the Michigan State Senate. He is a graduate of Cornell University and the Georgetown Law Center.